

DO NOTHING BUT QUESTION BIG BUSINESS

That's the Trouble With the Present Administration, Says Richard Ivers. Witness Before House Investigating Committee

SMALL FARMERS HAVE
NO REAL COMPLAINT

Conditions Are Such That Cane Planting Is Not a Thing That Citizens Can Engage In With Prospects of Pleasant Life

"That's the only objection I have against the present administration generally. Since they have been in power they have done nothing but investigate business, and it has raised hell generally."

This statement was made by Richard Ivers of Brewer & Co. before the house committee on agriculture at the hearing dealing with the relations between the plantations and the small growers, which was continued in the house of representatives yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Ivers had read a lengthy and clear statement of the conditions existing between the small growers and the five plantations, represented by Brewer & Co.—the Hilo, Hakala, Oahu, Honolulu and Pepee Sugar companies.

Would Hide No Fact
Attorney Harry Irwin on behalf of the small planters was questioning Mr. Ivers in relation to whether or not he opposed the adoption of the proposed referendum resolution calling for a federal investigation of the relations between the plantations and small growers. Mr. Ivers pointed out that he certainly would not oppose such a course provided it could be shown that a grievance really exists, adding that the fact that out of the hundreds of homesteaders and small planters engaged in raising cane, few had come forward to present their grievances to the committee.

The fact that so few persons had failed in this industry, he stated, is in itself sufficient proof that those engaged in the business have prospered. In the case of John E. Gammale of Kaunakakai, who claims to have lost fifty thousand dollars in cane raising, Mr. Ivers showed that this man also engaged in the mercantile business in connection with his farming venture and it was in this enterprise that he lost most of his money.

Reason For Fear
Because of the fact that a few persons complain against the increased cost of living, the committee would have just as much right to call for an investigation into the affairs of every line of business that entered into the advance as to pick out the sugar industry at the behest of a few who have made a failure. He added that in all lines of business, no matter the number who succeed, there are always some who fail. While admitting that the companies represented by Brewer & Co. have been operated at a profit, he said that if those properties were placed in charge of those who now complain, it would not be long before they would be in the hands of a receiver.

The sugar companies represented by Brewer & Co. have no reason to fear an investigation of the Brewer contracts," said Mr. Ivers, "for the figures show that they will compare favorably with the prices paid by plantations in other sections of the world. But this resolution does an injustice in carrying with it the implication that the small planters are not getting a square deal. Unless you can show that the small planters are complaining against the conditions or have just cause for complaint, I am opposed to the resolution."

It was at this point that Mr. Ivers asked his objection against the present administration, as quoted at the hearing.

Called to Hilo
The hearing was shortened to considerable extent by reason of the fact that Attorney Irwin was compelled to leave for Hilo, where legal business would require his attention this week. Chairman D. P. E. Isenberg did not mention the witnesses, but it is possible that Mr. Ivers will be recalled at the next hearing, to be held Wednesday evening.

Small Farm Returns
Mr. Ivers submitted figures showing the small planters had received an average of \$172 gross per acre for the cane raised on their land. The average yield on the holdings of the small planters has been forty tons of cane per acre. These returns, he made clear, were based on the cane of the small planters who disposed of their crops to the companies represented by Brewer & Co. They showed that the small planter has made a net profit of \$29.75 per annum per acre of his holdings and that this represents a net annual return of about sixteen and one-half percent on the investment of the small planter.

Continuing, Mr. Ivers, who showed that he possesses a thorough knowledge of the sugar business in all its phases, related out that it costs the plantations \$66.85 for every ton of sugar produced. With sugar selling at eight dollars per ton, this would leave a net profit of \$13.15 per ton from which the companies must hope to get a net return on the immense capital invested.

In answer to a question, Mr. Ivers

SECRETARY LANE WILL
COME TO HAWAII LATE
THE PRESENT SUMMER



HON. FRANKLIN K. LANE

(Special to The Advertiser by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—At a conference held here between Bertram Bivenburgh and Secretary of the Interior Lane, the latter stated that he was planning to make a trip to Hawaii late in the summer, in order that he might secure first-hand information regarding Hawaii and the needs of the Territory. Secretary Lane said that he could not accompany the congressional party, but would come later, alone, when he could remain in the Islands for some time. Secretary Lane has gone to San Diego to attend the Panama California exposition.

ELECTRICITY KILLS THREE; HURTS FIVE

Death Strikes in Rapid Succession and Causes Injuries in Most Unusual Manner

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LOS ANGELES, March 29.—Death struck three persons in rapid succession and five others were badly hurt in a most unusual way here yesterday.

Cornelius Valkhoff, in order to get a hare to be cooked as the special dish for his birthday dinner stepped from his back door toward a rabbit hutch in his yard, his foot going into a small puddle on the path. He fell dead instantly, the water being charged with electricity from a broken cable, carrying 2200 volts, which had short-circuited on the wire fence.

When Valkhoff fell, his wife rushed to help him and fell dead across his body. The infant son touched him. A neighbor, who saw the double fatality and who also rushed to assist, likewise fell, electrocuted.

The three dead bodies attracted the two daughters, Anna and Agnes, both children, who ran to the scene and who were only saved from the same instant death by a policeman, who caught them by the brains of their hair and jerked them away to safety. The policeman, in rescuing the children, came into contact with the fence and was hurled twenty feet away, unconscious and badly burned.

Two other women, neighbors, who came hurrying to the Valkhoff premises, were also seriously shocked and burned.

One of the most remarkable features of the tragedy is the fact that the hares, loose in their hutch and running about on the wet ground, were not hurt in any way, although the ground was heavily charged with the electric fluid.

It was estimated that between seventy-five and eighty per cent of those engaged in the work of raising cane on a small scale are Orientals, and that not more than twenty or twenty-five per cent of the work is performed by citizen labor. In the past ten years, he added, he believes that there has been a slight increase in the number of citizens engaged in the work, though in nearly every instance these are homesteaders or small owners, who in turn have leased their holdings to Orientals and are therefore only nominally engaged in the work.

Hardships To Be Endured
"To tell the truth, there is no inducement for citizen labor to engage in cane growing," added Mr. Ivers. "The conditions are such that it is discouraging to this class of people. Poor soils, mud up to your neck, at most constant rain and general hardships are enough to discourage citizens to engage in this work. And you would not engage in the business, either. Mr. Irwin, if you had been there and knew the hardships that must be endured, as I have during the past twenty years."

Mr. Ivers briefly denied several of the claims made by A. G. Curtis, especially in relation to the apparent difference in the price of labor in sugar refineries in the Philippines and Hawaii, the fixed charges for milling and marketing and the amount of earnings of the Pepee Sugar company.

Adjournment was then taken until next Wednesday evening.

Turkish Fleet Prepares To Sail In Forlorn Hope Against Ships of Russia

Rather Than Be Cornered and Destroyed
Crescent Warships Will Seek Battle,
Led By Battle Cruiser Goeben

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, March 28.—In a forlorn hope, in the knowledge that to remain in the Sea of Marmora will mean extermination as soon as the Allied fleet breaks through the Dardanelles, a matter of only a few more days now, the Turkish fleet is to sail out through the Bosphorus into the Black Sea to give battle to the fleet assembled in Turkish waters by the Russians. This information comes in a Reuter dispatch from Sofia.

The dispatch announces that the entire Turkish fleet will leave the protection of the Turkish land forts this morning, in one great dash against the Russians. The war ministry has decided that only in defeating the Russians can a way be opened for the escape of the Turkish fighting ships, now cornered between the great fleet battering through the Dardanelles and the Russian fleet bombarding the entrance forts of the Bosphorus.

The Allies, which have had the greatest fighting force ever gathered together on the water pounding the Dardanelles forts from both the straits and the Gulf of Saros, is to be joined by one more unit, much more than making up for the three old battleships and the few minor craft so far lost.

The opposing fleets perhaps ten—two destroyers, twenty-two destroyers, eleven torpedo boats and eleven submarines form the principal effective of the fleet of eighty-seven Russian warships against thirty-three warships of the Turkish fleet.

The ten battleships of the Russian Black Sea fleet, in the order of construction, are: The Sissoi, 1887; the Georgi Potemkin, 1892; the Tria Stivtielski, 1893; the Rostislav, 1898; the "Platovskiy", 1900; the "Ivanov", 1906; the "Kozlovskiy", 1908; the "Imperatoria Maria", the Alexander III and the Ekaterina II. The two cruisers are the Kagorl, completed in 1902, and the Pamiat Merkuria, in 1903. Of the Russian battleships, the Imperia

trix Maria, the Alexander III and the Ekaterina II were to have been completed last year, but there is no record of their having been put in commission. The Sissoi is considered too old to be of any use in active fighting. This would reduce the Russian effective to seven battleships and a total of eighty-four warships in all, with 431 guns.

Against these are a total of thirty-three Turkish warships, with 276 guns. The Turkish fleet includes the battleship "Sultan Selim", which was the German battle-cruiser Goeben, and the Midilli, which was the German cruiser Breslau. The battle-ship Mesoudieh, badly damaged in the Dardanelles by a British submarine, is not included in the list of thirty-three warships.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, March 27.—Italy's decision as to whether it will enter the war on the side of the Allies is believed here to be imminent. That it will be for war is little doubted. Some dispatches say every preparatory action taken by the government indicates that it will join the Allies. From the Balkans come similar reports. Dispatches today say Bulgaria will follow Rumania and Italy. The view of the British press is that Italy and the Balkan nations have been remaining on the fence to see how this struggle for the Dardanelles is decided. Now they will jump in with the victor.

Prince George of Greece has left for Italy to seek support for King Constantine's neutral policy. It is said here Holland is showing an increased resentment over the injury to Dutch shipping.

LAST RUSSIAN OUT OF
PRUSSIA, SAYS BERLIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, Germany, March 27.—The last Russian soldier has been expelled from northern East Prussia, is the official claim here. The Germans are now before Poland. Staff officers and military experts are of the opinion that Russia is rehabilitating its army from its recent defeat in the Masurian lakes region and will soon be ready to resume the offensive.

JONES BILL JONES
COMING TO HAWAII

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, March 27.—The large congressional party which is to tour Hawaii is being assembled. Representatives W. A. Jones of Virginia, author of the Jones Philippine bill, Representative F. J. Jarrett of Tennessee and Representative H. M. Towner of Iowa are planning to tour Hawaii at their own expense and later go to Guam and the Philippines.

CAMINO RESUMES VOYAGE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, March 29.—The relief ship Camino, which is carrying a cargo donated by the residents of California to the relief of the Bahamians, resumed her voyage on Saturday. The Camino broke down on the Newfoundland Banks and had to be towed into this port for repairs.

BRITISH DEFEAT REPORTED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, March 28.—Turkish official dispatches claim the defeat of the British at Canchah, with a loss of three hundred.

THE FORTY YEAR TEST

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PEACE AND WAR IN MEXICAN NEWS

While Convention Discusses One
Armies in Field Carry
On the Other

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
EL PASO, March 27.—With reports of the commencement of an important battle between the Mexican factions on the Texas line come also reports of the progress of the pacification plans of the delegates to the constitutional convention in session in the City of Mexico.

The reports from Matamoros state that the attack upon the town was made yesterday, the Villa army being led by General Rodriguez. The first clash ended in success for the Carranza garrison, which beat back the first rush of the Villistas and took seventy-two prisoners.

Continuing the attack, Rodriguez captured the outer works, driving the defenders back against the town. A general result will be made this morning and the Villa leader says that he will be in possession of the city by force soon.

The convention in session in the capital reports that a plan has been presented whereby the two existing governments will be combined and a coalition government established. Under this plan, Villa is to relinquish his rights as civil chief of the northern government, while his three cabinet officers, Lombardo, Escudero and Carranza, will be taken into the coalition cabinet, over which, as temporary President, Carranza will preside.

CIVILIANS MAY COMPETE
FOR CURTISS PRIZE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, March 28.—Civilian, as well as army and navy aviators, the Aero Club of America has decided, may compete for the Glenn Curtiss "Golden trophy," provided the civilian have pilot's certificates from the club which is the governing body in American aeronautics.

SHIPPING BILL INQUIRY
ENDS WITHOUT RESULT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, March 27.—The investigation made by the senate ship bill committee into the so-called lobby influences working to block the bill is virtually ended. Absolutely nothing of any consequence has come out of it, said Senator Sutherland, discussing the committee's findings.

LET'S HOPE ANOTHER
ACCIDENT IS NOT DUE

A man named Bradshaw, who says he is a licensed aviator, was assembling a hydro-aeroplane last night at the Hamm-Young garage. He purposes to try to fly over the place where the F-4 is lying. The machine never has been in the air. Parts of it were picked up at a sale.

PAIR ATTENDANCE LARGE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—The record attendance which inaugurated the first week of the exposition is being well maintained. The total of paid admissions up to Saturday night, marking the first five weeks of the fair, is 2,358,242.

GENERAL SHALER DEAD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
INDIANAPOLIS, March 28.—Brig. Gen. Charles Shaler, retired, one of the few remaining army officers who rose from the ranks in the Civil War, died here yesterday of apoplexy while walking downtown.

NAVY DEPARTMENT
PREPARED FOR WORST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, March 27.—There is little hope here that the men in the submarine F-4 will be saved. The position taken is that the length of time the craft has been submerged and the lack of any sign from it indicates the men are lost. "It will be little short of a miracle if there are any survivors," is the statement of one official.

GERMANY LACKS KEROSENE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, March 28.—On account of the growing scarcity of kerosene the administration of the city of Luckenwalde has decided to supply electricity free to householders.

REBELS ATTACK DURAZZO

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ROME, March 28.—Reports from correspondents in Turkey say Durazzo is being attacked by 60,000 rebels.

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HEAVY FIGHTING THROUGHOUT EAST

Germans, Repulsed, In North
While Austrians Claim Success
On Southern Front

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PETROGRAD, March 28.—An official statement, issued last night, made a direct refutation of the Berlin announcement that the fall of Przemysl brought to Russia only twenty-five thousand Austrian and German prisoners. As a matter of fact, says the official bulletin, the Russians captured one hundred and twenty-five thousand prisoners and a large quantity of ammunition.

The number of Russian prisoners held in Przemysl and released when the fortress fell was only 1350. German Attack Repulsed

A republic of a heavy German attack upon the Russian positions between the Sles and Pilsa rivers, in Northern Poland, west of Osnower, is reported from the headquarters of the general staff. The report states that twenty-five thousand Russians charged the Russian positions and succeeded in occupying the first line of trenches. The Russians came up in a counter attack, repulsed the trenches and drove the Germans back with heavy losses.

When the positions were retaken it was discovered that the Germans had robbed the Russian food of their overcoats, which the Germans need as a better protection from the intense than their own overcoats supply.

Yesterday the Germans attempted to occupy the position of the Russian position, but this was brought down by a shell.

VIENNA, March 28.—An official announcement last night states that the Russian offensive in the Carpathians has been repulsed and been driven back with severe losses, while a superior force invading Bukovina has also met with defeat, being driven back across the border. The Austrians recaptured several villages and took 10,000 Russian prisoners.

WHEN PRZEMYSL FELL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PRZEMYSL, Galicia, March 27.—The story of the last stand made to save the stronghold is just coming out. The most barbarous of the siege, and perhaps of the entire war, came on the night preceding capitulation. Fire of every kind poured on the forts and the city throughout the night. Ten thousand shells were fired in two hours.

At dawn the Russians began their assault. The artillery shelled and the Russians entered the city. The Austrians fought at the last line of defense.

Without hope now, the Austrians began dynamiting forts and setting submarine mines to stop the invaders. At eight o'clock the white flag was flown and the city was handed over to the Russians. The city was then set on fire and the Austrians fled.

VICE-PRESIDENTIAL
VICE PRES PARTY GOES SOUTH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—Vice-President Marshall, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt and the other members of the government party left today for San Diego. They went by way of Saratoga, to spend some time at the home of Senator Phelan. They probably will go from San Pedro to San Diego on navy destroyers.

GREAT NORTHERN DISABLED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—The S. S. Great Northern, which sailed at noon on Saturday on her first regular trip to Portland, was forced to return to port at four o'clock, reporting minor breakdowns in her engine room.

UNFIT FOOD SEIZED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SEATTLE, March 28.—Eighteen tons of cold-storage fish and chickens were seized here yesterday by municipal inspectors as unfit for human consumption and destroyed in the city incinerator.

All Tired Out

Hundreds More in Honolulu in the Same Plight

Tired all the time; weary and worn out night and day; Back aches, head aches, Your kidneys are probably weakened. You should help them at their work. Let one who knows tell you how.

Mrs. John D. Whitaker, 405 N. East St., Madison, Ind., says: "I suffered from pains across my back, together with occasional headaches and I steadily grew worse. Cures appeared beneath my eyes, my kidneys were swollen and I was all crippled up with pain. My back ached constantly, and I was nervous and all worn out. I was discouraged as doctors could not help me. Finally I took Doan's Backache Kidney Pills and they worked wonders. The pains and aches were relieved and my health improved. It is my duty to tell of my experience for the benefit of other kidney sufferers. My former endorsement still holds good."

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers at 50 cents per box, (six boxes \$2.50), or will be mailed by receipt of price, by the Hollister Drug Co., Honolulu, wholesale agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

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PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITY TO VISIT HAWAII

Senator Theodore E. Burton,
"Favorite Son" of Ohio, Will
Drop In On His Way To
Australia On Education Trip

LOOMS LARGE JUST NOW
AS REPUBLICAN CHOICE

Secretary Lane Will Probably
Tour the Islands During the
Summer To Secure Firsthand
Information of Hawaii's Needs

By ERNEST G. WALKER
(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, March 28.—President Wilson has pulled in the "welcome mat" at the White House offices for three weeks. He will devote himself in that time to studying the problems of foreign relations. Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall are touring the Pacific Coast. Speaker Clark has been into New England on a lecture tour, but will return to Washington anon, starting forth soon for more lectures.

The presidential candidates in two or three instances are taking to railroad trains. Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, likely to be the business man's candidate for the high office, will sail forth soon to the Pacific Coast. He is going nominally for pleasure, will tarry at Seattle, where a brother resides, but will travel the length of the Pacific Coast and will halt here and there both going and coming. Some can see in this an effort to encourage that budding boom for the presidency.

Barton Coming Here
Ex-Senator Theodore E. Burton of Ohio is soon to travel toward South America, after which he will journey to Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand. His presidential boom is very vigorous just now and seems to be higher than all the rest. But, of course, it is early yet. Ex-Senator Burton has also been traveling into the West, and has recently returned from Iowa, where he used to attend college and where a brother lives. He made an address there, which suggests that the ally senator is not unmindful of the advantage which might come by and by from having political friends in the Middle West.

Lane Probably Coming
The disposition of members of the cabinet to slip away from Washington is apparent. Secretary of the Interior Lane, who is only a few weeks back from the Pacific Coast, is now on his way there again as a member of Vice-President Marshall's party. President Wilson is staying close to Washington and has no other immediate plans. That will deter officials from leaving town, but a very large number of errand and another is expected during the spring and early summer. It is not unlikely Secretary Lane will go as far away as Hawaii before he returns again to Washington.

Favorite Sons' Booms
Presidential politics are rapidly centering upon the choices of a few of the large States for favorite sons. That means, of course, Republican presidential politics. In that regard Ohio promises to be very much in the limelight, for there are three Republicans who may seek the support of the Buckeye delegates at the next Republican national convention. As Ohio has a primary for the selection of delegates, some one of the three will stand forth about a year from now as Ohio's favorite son, and presumably will have the bulk of the delegates.

These are Ex-Senator Burton, Governor Frank Willis and ex-Ambassador Herrick. Just at present President-makers think Ex-Senator Burton has the call in Ohio. He is not as much of a business man as Myron T. Herrick, but he has the confidence of business men to a remarkable degree. It has been noted for months that the Herrick boom has set out the West on fire, notwithstanding the splendid record of achievement to Mr. Herrick's credit as ambassador at Paris. Similarly it has not been believed that Governor Willis is yet sufficiently well known to the American people to loom conspicuously for the White House.

Burton a Kamashina
Ex-Senator Burton served sixteen years in the house and six years in the senate. His Republicanism is unquestioned, but he is independent and generally progressive. It is to be generally believed that he is particularly objectionable to the Progressive element, to which both Democrats and Republicans will cater, probably, in the next campaign in the hope of large Progressive accessions.

For the moment Ex-Senator Burton and Justice Hughes are the most favorably mentioned on the Republican list. But, as has been pointed out with reference to Justice Hughes, it might not be popular to take a presidential nominee from the United States supreme bench. His decisions and the decisions of the court would be dragged into politics. Furthermore, it is something of a question whether the Supreme Court is particularly popular with the voters, and one of its justices as a presidential candidate might be seriously handicapped by that fact.